(d) the number of boats which are likely to be engaged for this purpose in the next two years?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) The total area of the Indian Exclusive Economic Zone is 20.13 lakh sq Km

(b) to (d) : The force levels of the Coast Guard are being developed in accordance with the Coast Guard Plan 2000 and the five-yearly Coast Guard Developemnt Plans, subject to the availability of funds The number of patrol boats with the Coast Guard is also being enhaned progressively to enable them to discharge their patrolling duties effictively

Smuggling Through Green Channel

4996. SHRI MUMTAZ ANSARI
SHRIMATI SHEELA GAUTAM
SHRI RAJESH KUMAR

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some cases of smuggling of electronics and other items by passengers passing through green channel at Bombay, Delhi, Madras and Cicutta airports have come to the notice of the Government

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to check such evasion of customs duty?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The number of cases and value of goods including electronic goods seized during the last one year by the customs authorities from passengers passing through green channel at the international airports located at Bombay, Madras and Calcutta ar as follows -

AIRPORTS	*NO OF CASES*	*VALUE (Rs. in lacs)*
Bombay	1986	375.0
Madras	14	30.9
Calcutta	165	165.0

At Delhi airport, the total number of cases of concealment / misdeclaration by passangers was 3137 and value of goods involved was Rs 240 lacs for the year 1991 At Delhi airport record is not maintained for cases of concealment/mis declaration separately in respect of red and green channels.

(c) Customs authorities are alert against smuggling activities. Intelligence is taargeted against such activities. Sophisticated equipments such as X-ray, beggage metal detectors etc are being increasingly used. Preventive and Intelligence officers maintain surveillance and take appropriate action for interception of suspicious persons.

Export of Price

4997. SHRI B.L. SHARMA PREM :
SHRI PHOOL CHAND VARMA :
SHRI DHARMA BIKSHAM :